in the Naxalite affected areas;

(b) if so, when the Central Government received this proposal and what action has been taken on it;

(c) the amount of funds and weapons demanded for this purpose; and

(d) by when this proposal is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In the month of June, 2005, the State Government of Chhattisgarh sent a proposal to the tune of Rs. 40.00 crore, including a sub plan of Rs.34.60 crore for the naxal affected areas. The sub-plan included an amount of Rs.2.05 crore for construction of 3 police stations in Badedongar, Badgaon and Tirkunda. Moderns weapons *viz.*, 5.56 INSAS, mortar 51 mm, rifle grenade SLR, rocket launcher etc. worth Rs.6.54 crore were also sought.

In the High Powered Committee meeting held on 29th June, 2005, which was attended by the State Government representatives, the total plan of Rs.40.00 crore, including the sub-plan of Rs.34.60 crore for naxal affected areas was approved. Accordingly, on the basis of the existing availability of Central funds, an amount of Rs.18.46 crore has already been released to the Government of Chhattisgarh. This amount includes Rs.2.05 crore for construction of three police stations in Badedongar, Badgaon and Tirkunda, an amount of Rs.15.69 crore for purchase of security equipment, etc. and an amount of Rs.0.72 crore for forensic equipment.

Rapes and Murders in Metro cities

816. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of rapes and murders have been increased during the last two years in Metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action has been taken against the culprits; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to control it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) As per the crime statistics compiled by the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) for the years 2003 and 2004, the number of murder cases registered in Chennai and Kolkata cities have

declined in 2004 from 2003; remained static in Delhi at 401 and showed slight increase in Mumbai from 242 in 2003 to 253 in 2004. In respect of cases of rape registered during the foresaid period, while the numbers have declined in Chennai and Kolkata; there has been increase in Delhi from 406 in 2003 to 457 in 2004 and in Mumbai from 133 in 2003 to 187 in 2004.

(c) and (d) Under the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India, the 'Police' and 'Police Order' are state subjects and as such, it is the responsibility of the State Governments and UT administrations to take necessary steps to effectively implement the provisions of various laws concerning women in order to prevent crimes against women. However, the Union Government has from time to time issued advisories to all the State Governments and UT Administrations to make concerted efforts to improve the administration of Criminal Justice System and to take effective measures to control crimes against all vulnerable sections of the society, including women.

The steps taken by Delhi Police to prevent rape cases include establishment of Crime against Women Cells; setting up of Rape Crises Intervention Centres in all the nine Police Districts; association of Women Police Officers and NGO in investigation of rape cases; setting up three Special Courts headed by women judges; networking with Non-Governmental Organisations; deployment of staffing plain clothes at vulnerable places; starting of dedicated telephone help lines; and constitution of 'Women Mobile Team' to attend to distress calls from women on round-the-clock basis; providing counseling through the NGO to the needy complainant; seeking help of NGOs and professionals such as social workers, doctors, psychologists, lawyers and special counselors during the investigation of rape cases; association of NGOs to assist the victims during medical examination and for counselling, treatment rehabilitation, Self-Defence training programme and the recently launched scheme "Parivartan" under which lady beat constables have been deployed in selected slum areas.

Inclusion of Internal Security in Concurrent List

817. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to include 'internal security' in the List No. III of the Seventh Schedule by a suitable amendment of the Indian Constitution;